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In re Application of:

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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Confirmation No.: 8035

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Tawfik, S.

Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202

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**TRANSMITTAL RE**  
**NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 29, 2004.
2. Extension of Time: Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

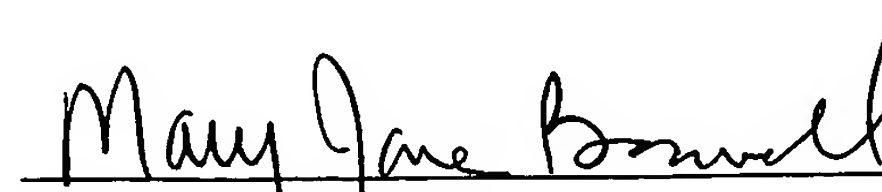
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Communication dated September 29, 2004, the period for response to which extends through October 29, 2004, please replace the section entitled "IN THE CLAIMS" in the Amendment filed on August 19, 2004, with the following section entitled "IN THE CLAIMS":